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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

KING OF SPAIN AT VERDUN.

FULL OF EMOTION.

PARIS, October 25.

The King of Spain was at Verdun yesterday and laid a wreath of orchids in pious homage to the dead French defenders. The King is to visit the entire battle field. Marshall Pétain told him the story of the struggle. After special visits to the forts of Douaumont, Vaux, and Crête du Poivre, King Alfonso went to the citadel and signed the golden book and left for Paris filled, as he said to Pétain, with immortal pictures and a heart overflowing with emotion.

LABOUR LEADERS AND DIRECT ACTION.

CAUSE OF THE COLLAPSE.

The decision of the executive of the Triple Alliance to postpone the ballot of the miners, railwaymen, and transport workers on the taking of direct action to coerce the Government and again to call together a full conference of the three organisations to reconsider the decision of the Caxton Hall conference, is virtually a bald admission of failure on the part of the extremists in those great organisations. The policy of daily strike which has hung up any attempt at direct action from April to August was a virtual admission on their part that there was no real driving-power behind the threat of shutting down those three great industries on whose regular work the ordered life of the community depends. The danger of direct action by the Triple Alliance mainly centred in a short, sharp strike, paralysing the industrial life of the nation. If the extremists who planned the revolutionary policy of using the strike weapon to overawe Parliament and the Government and compel the community to do the bidding of an organised minority had any confidence in their own power to control the members of their organisation they would have forced the pace by the taking of an immediate ballot.

Instead of taking direct action they adopted the slow, cumbersome method of appealing to the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress to convene a conference of all the other trade union organisations to join hands with them in their revolutionary designs. The reasonable and reasoning men who form the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress were not enamoured of such a proposal, and they held it up for their ordinary monthly meeting. Then they considered and promptly shelved it by deciding not on a "down tools" policy, but on an interview with the Prime Minister. The extremists were curiously content. They waited on the course of events, and the wedge slipped by, until the meeting of the Labour Party Conference at Southport. This was their opportunity for much more wild and delicate talk, the result of which was more delay, with the decision to call yet another conference of the three constituent bodies of the Triple Alliance. This conference affirmed by a majority the principle of direct action, and decided to take a ballot. DILLY-DALLY REVOLUTIONARIES.

Three months had already slipped away, and one would have thought these dilly-dallying revolutionaries would without any further delay have issued the ballot papers and seen whether their members were ready or otherwise to take the community by the throat by shutting down coal production and paralysing the transport industries. Nothing of the kind. It took the officials another month to think over whether they will or will not carry out the decision of the Caxton Hall meeting. And, having taken a month and failed to make up their own minds as to whether they will or will not carry out the mandate, they come to a decision again to consult a full conference. This record of delay in testing their members as to whether they were prepared to use the weapon of strike action, which they have held as a threat against the community for four months, shows as much lack of courage in putting threats into action as of confidence in the support of their members. It looks as if it was a threat to use a weapon which the extremists feared would break in their own hands. This is not all. There is another and more satisfactory side. The threat of a general strike to overrule Parliament has brought those responsible trade union leaders who believe in constitutional action into the open against

THE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

A. B. STEWART AND LT-COL COLES FOR THE FINAL.

Yesterday afternoon, Lieut-Col. Coles defeated S. H. Dodwell in the semi-final of the Golf Championship by 1 up. It was a very close game and was decided by the last putt on the last green. The final over 36 holes will take place on Sunday, and is sure to be a close contest.

The other semi-final tie was played on Wednesday afternoon, when A. B. Stewart beat Major Leslie Smith by 3 and 2. Stewart played very well and had only one bad hole—the 9th. Here he got into serious trouble and, after trying to get out, had eventually to give up the hole. His first four holes—4, 3, 4—won him the match, as he was 3 up at the 4th and, doing seven holes in 27, was still three up at this stage. His temporary louse caused him to be only 1 up at the turn; but he increased this lead and won comfortably. Major Smith played very steady golf, his short game being almost perfect, and Stewart, by beating him and playing so consistently for the last fortnight, is undoubtedly the favourite for Sunday's final.

THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following matches in the 3rd round of the Junior Championship are due to be played by Sunday:—A. Murdoch v. Lt. Comdr. Kilgour. H. Scott v. J. W. Frank. H. J. Gedge v. J. E. Sharpe. H. West v. Col. Clement-Smith. Capt. Archer v. A. K. Henderson. Capt. Murray v. J. T. Kidd. R. L. Moncrieff v. C. C. Stark. E. R. Halifax v. G. B. Leyton.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. W. Logan & Co. report on October 24:

Our market during the week under review has been more active but business has principally been confined to liquidations for the forthcoming settlement on the 28th inst. Indo-Chinas and Electric shares have considerably advanced in price with few shares offering. The Shanghai market closes dull owing to the continued tightness of money.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks, business has taken place at \$633, and more shares are wanted at that figure. There are a few shares available at \$640.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons business has been done at \$40.

Unions have sellers at \$210. North Chinas are wanted at Tls. 200, and Far Eastens at Tls. 23.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires after business at \$350 buy sellers at \$347. Shanghai Fires remain nominal at \$188.

Shipping.—Dampierines are wanted at \$83 cash and December delivery \$88. Steamboats are weak with sellers at \$244. Indo-Chinas (deferred) are in strong demand buyers offering \$208 cash and \$215 December delivery. Small Transports are nominal at 185/- Star Ferries have sellers at \$83 and buyers at \$81.

Refineries.—China Sugars are in strong demand at \$174 cash and \$178 December delivery. Malabons remain quiet with sellers at \$45.

Docks and Wharves.—Kowloon Wharves, have eased off owing to weak holders for this settlement being compelled to sell and shares have changed hands in considerable quantities between \$110 and \$1064.

Hongkong Docks also are quiet for cash business have been done at \$175 but the forward rates remain strong shares have been dealt in for December at \$182.

Cottons.—Shares are quiet for cash but Shanghai have extended their operations to March delivery and are paying heavy rates for that month. The following are the latest prices: Ewos Tls. 890, Kung Yicks Tls. 41, Lau Kung Mows Tls. 240, Orientals Tls. 140, Shanghai Cottons Tls. 260, and Yangtzeopos Tls. 21.

Miscellaneous.—Cements have been done at \$7.30. China Lights have buyers at \$74 (old) and \$64 (new). Hongkong Electrics have jumped from our last quotation of \$60 to a buying rate of \$80. Hongkong Ropes have buyers at \$23; Steam Laundries at \$34; Steel Foundries \$10; Watsons \$6.10; Powells \$12 and Wheemans \$29.

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SUNDAY USEFUL HOUSEHOLD
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Hongkong, October 18, 1919.

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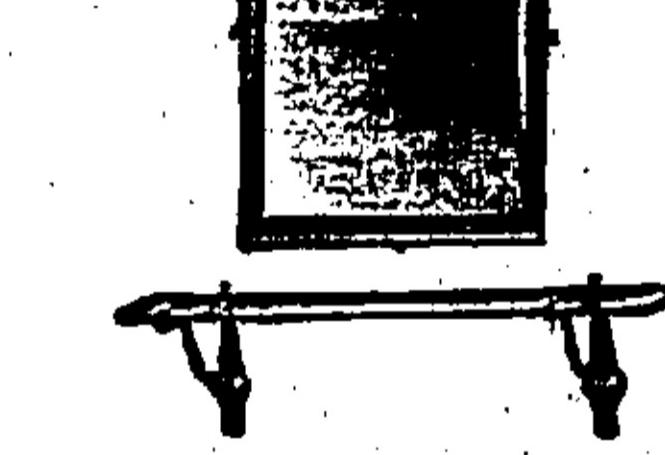
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Hongkong, October 13, 1919.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

AN EXTRAORDINARY GEN-

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& CO., LIMITED, will be held at the

HONGKONG HOTEL, on the 5th day

of November, 1919, at NOON, when

the abovementioned resolution, which was

passed at the Extraordinary General

Meeting of the Company held on the

20th day of October, 1919, will be

submitted for confirmation at a Special

Resolution.

That the new Articles already

approved by this Meeting, and for

the purpose of identification sub-

cribed by the Chairman thereof, be

and the same are hereby adopted

as the Articles of the Company to

the exclusion of and in substitution

for all the existing Articles

thereof."

Dated the 21st Day of October, 1919,
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an Extraordinary General Meeting held

on 10th October, 1919.

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By Order,

R. E. MACDOUGALL,

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Hongkong, October 21, 1919.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCT. 25, 1919.

ADVERSARIA.

A certain man that BANANA SKIN held high office. LEGISLATION. stepped one day or a piece of banana skin. It is a law of nature that when the feet of a man shoot forward from beneath him, his head must go backwards. In this posture instinct causes a convulsive movement towards the re-establishment of equilibrium. This movement partly consists in the body describing a right angle like the blade of a half-opened pocket knife. At that point in time when the perfect right angle is achieved, the apex of the man is usually coming into abrupt contact with the ground. The reader may safely take our word for it, without experimenting, that there is an element of mental shock involved in this impact. Reason is thereby unseated. An habitual gentleman will at such moments utter remarks that he would not release in cold blood and a drawing room. In the case of the high official in our parable, emotion continued for a while to usurp the seat of reason, or what Wordsworth would call "emotion re-membered in irritated retrospection." While in this condition he procured the passage of a law, or a regulation or departmental order, having the force of a law, that henceforth all Hongkong bananas should be confiscated, stored, sold, or eaten under penalty. This is not history. It is a parable. There has been too much banana skin legislation in this Colony, too much law manufactured to meet exceptional or merely sporadic circumstances and cases.

Legislators need AN HISTORIC much longer vision.

EXAMPLE. than they sometimes seem to have. All "amending ordinances" (and you know how common these have been here) are in themselves evidence that the original ordinance makers had overlooked something. Some allowance must be made for human error, as an historic example shows. But in Hongkong that allowance has been more generous than legislative foresight has been extensive. This is the way to show before we end these notes. The illustrative example from history at present in mind is this. It was once enacted in Bavaria, obviously with the best intentions to the commonwealth, that no marriage should be allowed except where the authorities were assured there was a reasonable prospect of the parties being able to provide for their chil-

ed, or intimidated, or hindered. What the Hongkong Press was doing when it allowed the local Panjandrels to impose this two dollar licence on newspaper sellers we cannot now imagine. But the time has come to take it off again. Certainly the time has come to protest against the arrogant pretension that they have any right to limit the number of newspaper sellers. We submit respectfully to His Excellency's consideration a point that might otherwise not occur to him. His shrewdness is well known, and a hint will suffice.

As a public-spirited newspaper it may be our duty on occasion to criticise the Police Department. The Police Department is entrusted with the issue of licences to newspaper sellers and at present it is entrusted with, or has assumed, a large measure of discretion as to the issue thereof. Some time or other the Police Department may conceivably resent our criticism. Is it right, is it fair to the Police Official concerned, that he should thus be exposed to the temptation to so use his power as to "get even" with us? Is it fair to us, to put us so in his power that the law of self-preservation might make us afraid to criticise his department, thus corrupting us? Your Excellency is aware, or will be aware on reflection, that the distribution of a public print is as vital as the writing and editing and printing of it, and that the Freedom of the Press (one of Britain's most cherished principles) may be as effectively threatened in one department as another. We are so confident that Your Excellency will perceive the justice of this that we do not insult you by asking for relief. We bring the facts to Your Excellency's notice, and we leave it trustfully in your hands.

Only the other day, as how it showing how insouciant our police are in their customary treatment of such inarticulate small-fry as hawkers, they actually did this. To the newspaper sellers applying for licences they suddenly and unexpectedly put this conundrum: Which of the four papers did they wish to sell? Taken aback, many of the applicants must have answered more or less at random. But their licences were endorsed accordingly, and one result was that our senior morning paper lost a lot of its distributors one day. This, it was admitted, was an excess of duty on the part of some policeman. It was a misunderstanding, and was hastily put right. Suppose a hawker wished to sell coco, and the issuer of licences demanded to know whether he was for Fry or for Cadbury, and bound him to one. Wouldn't there be a hububalo? Wouldn't there be a quick suggestion that he was after a bribe from either Fry or Cadbury?

As we have said, CAMOUFLAGE, in this case it was promptly putright. We only mention it to illustrate how unconscious of principles and rights our departments become, when they are long accustomed to doing pretty much as they like. If a policeman hadn't hustled the Chief Justice one day, would the Police Chief have so hastily admitted that the *China Mail* was right about that traffic order that chevied us off the highways, and so promptly withdrawn it? We suspect not, although that was camouflaged as a "misunderstanding" on the part of subordinate police. The subordinate is the scapegoat when banana skin legislation is exposed. We shall consider the advisability of applying to the Chief Justice in the matter of the newspaper sellers' licences, if this particular banana-skin regulation is persisted in.

So far as we can ascertain, it is due to a few irascible, liverish people here, whose nerves are so habitually on edge that the "pestering" of the newspaper sellers on the streets sends them into crazy rages, that a law, or a by-law, or a departmental regulation having the force of a law, is now being enforced. It limits the number of newspaper sellers to whom the Police are willing to issue Licences, at two dollars a head. We are not going to emphasise the facts that these poor people are earning an honest living and at the same time are a convenience to the newspaper buying public. That is so, but our other arguments are so strong, so transparently valid, that we do not need to make any appeal *ad misericordiam*. That law, or by-law, or police regulation, is what we call banana skin legislation. Some irritable person was once interrupted by a newspaper seller, just as we are constantly interrupted, pestered, shouted at, by chair coolies and ricksha pullers. There is no difference, except that the newspaper pesters are less frequent, less continuous. Do the Police, therefore, arbitrarily restrict the issue of licences to chair and ricksha men on that account? Perhaps they have overlooked it, and will now do so. Let them reduce the number of chairs and rickshas at once by 75 per cent. Our liver is out of order, and they annoy us.

At Home our newspaper sellers are not regarded as hawkers and as hawkers licensed. Why? Because there the liberty of the Press, the freedom of the Press, is recognized as a valuable national asset, and the street sellers are recognized as an integral part of the machinery of the Press that must not be thwarted. No real truth has anything to fear

from the fullest blaze of light and publicity and examination. Real truth needs no policy of "hush."

If you want to see a perfect example of a man preserving a calm CONSULS and absolutely uninterested demeanour, buttonhole a merchant and tell him that the War Trade Intelligence Department has developed into an Overseas Trade Department, intended to foster British trade. Tell him that a Government Committee has reported against the Consular Service being taken from the Foreign Office and handed over to the Board of Trade, and forgive him for yawning. He doesn't mean to be rude, but you are boring him. Add that the Committee recommends the appointment of a Standing Joint Board consisting of the heads of the Foreign Office, the Board of Trade, and the Department of Overseas Trade, and then, if you are puzzled by his impatience and utter lack of interest, come to us and we will explain it. It is very simple. He knows his business, and he knows that the Government does not and never will:

He knows, for example, that no man likely to be of any practical use to commerce could be persuaded to take such a job. He would enter commerce himself by choice, because the rewards are greater. No British Consul was ever worth twopence to British trade or to any British merchant. Their "reports" have always consisted of "information" obtained from merchants, after the merchants were done with it, and not before. In any case Consuls are appointed by a bad system, from a wrong class. They invariably regard themselves as little tin gods, and are about as approachable as a bad-tempered dog with a fresh bone. When the travelling Briton is at last, and after due ceremony, admitted to the presence, it is usual to find that he is in front of a brainless jackanapes who has neither the ability nor the will to make himself useful. American Consuls are different, but then they are usually newspaper men, and have savvy.

Years ago the ADVENTURE WITH present writer TWO CONSULS made a tour of Formosa, or Taiwan as the Japanese now call it. In those days the Japanese were very attentive to journalists of influence, and there was something like a "guard of honour" to meet deponent at the steamer and escort him to the train for Taihoku. The British Consul happened to be travelling by the same train, and thinking to do the right thing, the Japanese officer in charge of the delegation introduced us, before the deponent had time to object. There is nothing snobbish about us, so we smiled, and tried to put the peasant creature at his ease. Our reward was what the Americans call the frozen fact and had. He was, in the circumstances, really rude. When the train had started, and we were free of the shrewd eyes of the bowing Japanese, we made towards the consul fellow, who had ensconced himself in a corner behind a *Daily Mail*. (If we were a Consul, we'd read the *Morning Post*, and play the game. Mention this to His Majesty, or whoever appoints consuls.)

THE ADVENTURE OF A DEPONENT pulled that *Daily Mail* out of his hand, and spoke to CONTINUED THIS EFFECT. Look here, Mr. What's-your-name. That introduction was none of our seeking. You could see that it was forced upon us. It doesn't count. We couldn't resent your rudeness before our Japanese friends who had meant well, but we want to tell you now that your face is as ugly as your manners, and that we hope never to see it again. And if you object to this plain speaking, you know what to do." He did nothing. He said nothing. Possibly he thought that dignified. It was certainly safer, the temper we were in. In Taihoku we happened to meet the American Consul. He was a most amiable chap. We were so struck with the contrast that we told him of the incident, humorously, for we had simmered down by then. He listened, considered a while, and then pleaded that we should not write about it, a thing we had not intended.

I know what newsmen are when they get their backs up," he said, "but he's not such a bad chap when you know him."

There was a British ANOTHER Consul in Honolulu OF 'EM, whose perfect wisdom and usefulness was frankly admitted by decimal ought ought ought one of the British Community. Crucifixion sent a Briton to him with passport to be visa'd. The Briton went about a fortnight before his steamer was due to sail, thinking to save time. He was told to come back within 48 hours of the sailing date. He did. He called 3 times by appointment before he got an interview. He was then told that he couldn't be allowed to come to Hongkong, because his passport was issued in London, and his last port was Sydney. He could get a visa to go to London or to Sydney, whichever he liked, but not to Hongkong. So that steamer was missed, and before the next one sailed he changed his mind, and did what he might just as well have done at first. A little bird whispers that he got a cable message not to be such an ass,

but as to that we cannot say. It happened thousands of years ago, and it is not easy to ascertain all the correct details of far off events.

There was another CONSUL once in a Southern China port who—but this is coming too near Home, and we mustn't rush the *China Mail* into unnecessary libel actions. Suffice it to say that as a travelling Briton the last person we want ever to see is a British Consul. And practical merchants have no time to waste on them either. Nor does the merchant look for any real advantage out of these newfangled attempts of the Government at Home to take a paternal interest in his affairs. All they do is to try to milk him of his dearly bought and valuable knowledge, in the name of British Trade, but really for the advantage of new competitors. If we are wrong in this, let the British merchant of the pioneer firms say so. We don't expect he will.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Today's dollar is worth 4/5 11/16d.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" is due in port to-morrow morning.

A mail from the Straits arrived to-day by the s.s. "Dunera."

To-day's return of communicable disease shows one case of enteric and two of gastro-enteritis.

Mr. Sin Tak Fan was amongst the local residents who returned yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Japan."

Among those who arrived in the Colony, yesterday, from Shanghai, were Mr. R. Ross Thomson and Mr. R. G. Shewan.

Mr. A. H. Harris, Commissioner of Customs, and Mrs. Harris arrived in the Colony by the "Empress of Japan" yesterday.

The Hon. Dr. Lim Boon Keng, O.B.E., arrived from Singapore by the s.s. "Hongwai" yesterday. He leaves for Amoy to-day.

Consignees are reminded that no claim for damaged or chafed goods ex s.s. "Tamba Maru" will be admitted after to-morrow.

A lecture on "William Thomson, Lord Kelvin" will be delivered at the Helena May Institute on Monday November 3, at 5.15 p.m. by Professor A. G. Warren.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 11, amounted to 69,703 tons and the sales during the period, to 69,982 tons.

Lieutenant F. C. Roberts, a Hongkong boy, who left for Home to "join up" at the outbreak of hostilities and who distinguished himself meritoriously returned yesterday by the "Empress of Japan."

It is understood that when Mr. Justice Gompertz returns to the Colony by the next mail, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, who is acting as Puisne Judge, will be transferred to the Supreme Court Registry to act for Mr. H. A. Nisbet, who is going on leave.

Amongst those who returned to the Colony, yesterday, on the "Empress of Japan" were Col. J. R. Young, Lieut.-Col. G. B. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. R. de Journel, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Moss, Mr. George Grimble, and Mr. S. J. Chinchen.

To-day Mr. James M.A. leaves the Colony, after 21 years in the Educational Department. He is retiring on pension, owing to affected lungs, and is going to Australia. He is a Merton man, and a good chap. We all hope the wonderful Australian climate will restore his health.

It is another polite remark by the Vicar of St. Mary's Wellington: "Women are said to be emancipated, but I do not know what from. If what I am told is true, the women of the working classes, the women of the middle classes, and the women of the highest class have been emancipated from morality."

At a general meeting of the Hongkong University Medical Society, on October 24, Messrs. Cheah Toon Siew and Cheam Kim Cheang were awarded prizes kindly presented by Mr. Ho Kwong, for the two best papers read last Session. Mr. Yeoh Hoo Sow was awarded the Ho Kwong prize for distinguishing himself in the subsequent discussions. Mr. Ng Cheong Yew read an interesting paper entitled "Some Anatomical Facts Concerning Man's Assumption of the Erect Position."

AN AID TO DIGESTION.

WHEN you have a fullness and weight in the stomach after eating you may know that you have eaten too much, and should take one of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid your digestion. For sale by all Chemists and Stores.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HONGKONG.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1918 TO AUGUST 1919.

The Central Council have much pleasure in submitting their Annual Report for the year ending August 31, 1919.

(1) The Balance on hand on August 31, 1918 was

In the Bank (Current)

a/c \$ 723.27

In the Bank (Fixed Deposit) 1000.—

In Cash 11.49

(2) The Receipts and Expenditures for the year under review were as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance 31/8/18 4 1,734.76

Conference Collections 1,215.27

Church Collections 108.10

Bazaar 1918—Gross 157.20

Receipts 9,510.02

(less donations included above)

Lusitano Recreation Club 73.80

Annual Sports Sale of Programmes 128.60

Interest 128.60

..... \$ 12,927.75

EXPENDITURES.

Relief to the Poor \$ 4,033.20

(including Provisions, Clothings, Shoes, Rent, Education, Medical assistance and Passage money etc.)

Christmas Gifts to the Poor 748.00

War Relief (Fcs. 1,000) 233.69

Bazaar 1918—Expenses 2,094.82

Special Treats to the Poor in honour of Victory 454.00

Balance in hand 31/8/19 5,354.04

..... \$ 12,927.75

(3) The total receipts have greatly exceeded those of previous years. The large increase which was due principally to the unprecedented success of the Bazaar held in December last, has enabled the Society to extend its sphere of activity in every way and greatly to increase the amounts spent in relief to the poor, as the following figures will show.

Amount spent in Relief, February quarter \$ 666.30

Amount spent in Relief, May quarter 1,124.20

Amount spent in Relief, August quarter 1,550.50

While in the current quarter the sum of 703.20

has been spent in the one month of September alone.

(4) During the period under review the Society has contributed to the maintenance of 87 families comprising 190 persons, and has also assisted these poor people to the extent of \$461.59 in their house, rent difficulties.

(5) As for the education of the children of the poor the

THE WEEK'S CHAT.

WHERE WERE THE POLICE?

Again the question arises: Are we sufficiently policed?

This query does not cast any shot upon the morality or otherwise of Hongkong; but arises, as a result of a certain rather humorous incident which is said to have occurred Peake's a few days ago.

Imagine a perfectly respectable married couple sleeping soundly under the roof of a very big building, feeling as safe as it is possible to feel under the combined influence of a patriotic confidence in the police and the knowledge that a scream for help would result in a rush of willing helpers. Imagine this happy state mildly shattered, when the tame half section of the partnership awoke to find an uninvited guest climbing through the window.

From all accounts, and there are many, the couple appear to have followed the law of least resistance, i.e., perhaps afraid to wake him and subject him to the dangers of a nervous onslaught, he, we presume, a heavy sleeper.

She, bright eyed, terrified, half paralyzed with fear, watched the intruder help himself to such goods as he could comfortably accommodate about his person till at last he made a graceful retreat. Now the domes of silence were removed and shrieks rent the air, the wakened husband rushed for assistance and succeeded in arousing a Chinese servant and together they gave chase, around the winding paths, of the Peak. It was a great chase full of romance-thrills, the race was to the start. The nice little nooks, grottos, ravines, and sudden drops favoured the fugitive.

No police were encountered and when at last the hunters retraced their weary footsteps their search for a policeman proved futile.

The telephonic communication with the Peak Police next morning is said to have produced the following brief reply: "I suppose they sleep, with their window open!"

Quite a useful remark for the police!

May we not sleep with open windows on the Peak? Is the district so lawless, that a man must put up bars and keep a loaded revolver under his pillow? Why, we might be living in an atmosphere of O. Henry! frightening, thrilling, and dramatic, what! and very nice in the pages of fiction, but hardly the sort of thing for a humdrum daily existence in a hot climate.

Inquiries elicited the information that this burglar had recently visited several boarding-bachelor establishments on the peak, and if "rumour" does not lie, the whole police protection for the mountain district at night, consists of two men. We respectfully suggest that this number might easily be increased.

The weather this week has given rise to a considerable amount of complaint, seeing that no human agency is at fault, we are loth to take the matter up. It seems, however, pretty obvious that if we're not an intensely respectable community, belonging almost exclusively to the better class that middle register of humanity, that is neither fish, flesh, nor good red herring, we should probably call a general strike and present an ultimatum to the clock of the weather, demanding that rainy days, be arranged to suit our engagements.

It has been suggested in all seriousness that His Excellency the Governor be approached with a petition, to declare that every sunny and suitable day be proclaimed a public holiday or, that the Sabbath, which is now entirely devoted to sport and pastime, be a movable feast.

The community would not really suffer any spiritual loss, for we could continue to publish sermons by our local sky pilots, in our columns, and if these were issued on rainy days, we could read them in our offices.

The intelligent thinking people in Hongkong are feeling very fed up at the continued presence, in high places, of superannuated officials who while continuing to draw pensions on the retired list, are in receipt of big salaries, there is a feeling that now the war is over, younger men, in the last lap of military service, should be given a show. Youth and vigour and the new vision are wanted to grapple with the many problems arising from modern conditions and while greatly appreciating the services of the old "Dug Out," during war time they feel that it is hardly fair, to strain their abilities to the breaking point.

The "new era of progress" democracy is bound to influence even this far distant corner of the world—this state can only be handled—understood by men who will accept the new order, and mix and mingle with the people they are supposed to lead and control; the ruler or officer who retires into his shell and refuses to move with the times is bound to suffer.

There is considerable dissatisfaction among members of the Volunteer Defence Force, who have been told that a month's practice camp is anticipated, everyone has a feeling of stagnation and weariness of the routine, discipline and waste of time, for it is reported that this company will be timed for December.

COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI.

SIR JOHN JORDAN TO OPEN IT.

Sir John Jordan, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., H. M. Minister to Peking, will arrive in Shanghai early next month for the purpose of opening the first conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China, beginning on Wednesday November 5. In addition to opening the Conference, Sir John will be the guest of the China Association to dinner on Thursday, November 6, and of the Union Club to dinner on the following Saturday and of the British Chamber of Commerce to dinner the same evening.

This visit of Sir John's to Shanghai will be to open the first conference of British Chambers of Commerce ever held in China will also probably be his last visit to this part before he goes home next year and it is the hope of those in charge of the arrangements that he shall be given as good a reception as possible and that members of the British Chamber of Commerce will all do their best to attend the Conference. The latter will be open to all members of the British Chamber in addition to the delegates, but only the delegates from the various British Chambers throughout China will take part in the discussions.

The Conference, which will be held in H. M. Supreme Court, kindly placed at its disposal by His Honour Judge Sir Haviland de Saumarez, will commence at 10 a.m. on November 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. A. J. Macrae, acting chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, and after the passing of resolutions of a formal and general character the Conference will go into committee. Mr. H. H. Fox, C. M. G., H. M. Commercial Counsellor of Legation, presiding. The remaining three sessions—as the programme is at present arranged—will be set aside for dealing with resolutions vital to British interests in the Far East to be moved by delegates from the Hongkong, Tientsin, Peking and Shanghai Chambers. This part of the agenda is expected to last three sessions—November 5, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; November 6, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A meeting of the Conference will then be held on Friday at which Mr. Fox, as chairman of the conference in committee, will report the results of the discussions to the chairman of the Conference, when any member of the Shanghai or other chambers represented will be at liberty to ask questions. The Chairman will then move a resolution embodying such opinions as the Conference may want transmitted to H. M. Government, after which the Conference will be closed.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[Translated for the *China Mail* from the *Wah Tsai Yat Po*.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 24.

General Chu Shu Tsang wanted to organize an army in outer Mongolia but the President said no.

Ng Pui Foo, commander in Hunan, telegraphs that there will be no fighting if he can prevent it.

Cheung King Yew telegraphs that southern troops are advancing. He proposes to suppress them as bandits.

The Government expects \$3,700,000 at the end of October as customs surplus.

There is now some doubt about the Living Buddha's attitude towards Mongolian independence.

The Cabinet has asked the tchungs to avoid warfare even if the peace conference comes to nothing.

The Japanese premier is dead.

Before it will consent to the forming of a Cabinet the On Fook club demands the following promises:

Chu Shum to be Minister of the Interior, Tsang Yuk Cheun to be Minister of Communications, and Li Si Ho to be Minister of Finance. Kan Wang disagrees.

MAILS DUE.

The following mails are due in the course of the next few days—

From Shanghai per s.s. "Sing Kong," Oct. 26.

From the Straits, per s.s. "Tosan Maru," Oct. 26.

From the Straits, per s.s. "Tama Maru," Oct. 23.

ber, the busiest month of the year.

The men are tired of playing at soldiering, it was all very well and enduring during a state of war, when at any time it might have been turned into deadly earnest. Now all feel that no good purpose is to be served by engendering a spirit of discontent—irritation where up to the present willing and loyal service has been rendered. Many returned soldiers are chattering about the numbers of local volunteer officers who are addressed by military title, while those who have seen active service invariably return to the plain Master of civil life and leave the military rank to the professional soldier.

THE GOSSIP.

GET THE AIR MAIRS STARTED.

A SUGGESTED SCHEME.

It is to be regretted that no definite, clean-cut policy has been laid down yet regarding peace flying as distinguished from war flying, beyond the offer of State prizes for safe machines, and in the absence of this policy I suggest the scheme which follows, writes an Engineer Officer. Some truisms must be first stated:

1. There are many large aircraft firms in existence, and they cannot carry on unless orders come in.

2. The war is over, and another war of similar size is unlikely for a considerable period.

3. Flight is too expensive to be used as a means of human transport, except in a few exceptional cases.

4. The only paying load for flying machines, broadly speaking, consists of mail (letters, special newspapers, and the like).

5. It is essential to maintain important aircraft firms in being.

6. It is essential to maintain the Royal Air Force at proper strength.

Taking all the above truisms together, one has to devise some scheme that shall provide a commercial demand in peace time for the most efficient machines Government assistance, in the shape of money and general supervision, will be necessary in the first place, but the money spent should represent only sunk capital for a short time. When one mail service can be demonstrated as a practicable business matter by at least one year's experience, the starting of many mail service should be simple. I propose that an experiment should be undertaken by a Government Committee on these lines:

2. A route should be selected not less than 500 miles in length. Exeter-London-Newcastle-Glasgow is suggested as a suitable route.

2. A day and night service of aeroplanes should be kept going on this route for one year, under supervision by a committee containing representatives from the Post Office, Air Ministry, Royal Aero Club, and Society of British Aeroplane Constructors.

3. Machines to be entered by their manufacturers under an agreement regarding performance, and marks to be given by the Committee in accordance with the actual performance shown by the trials.

A manufacturer would enter his machines as being able to carry a certain load, for a given number of hours per 24 hours, for a given number of days per year; and he would be marked in accordance with his statement and subsequent performance. He would provide his own machines and pilots, and would be given free fuel, aerodromes, and labour. Repairs would be carried out by his own staff; he could be paid for his machines on a percentage arrangement settled by the final marks obtained by him.

The underlying idea of the scheme is to prove the value of the present aeroplane for an Imperial or International Mail Service, say from London to India, in 500-mile stages; and the 500-mile experimental stage mentioned herein should provide enough difficulties, and therefore earn the confidence of the Postmaster-General in the case of a successful competitor.

Full marks would be given for the ideal performance and would carry with them the purchase by Government of machines used at full price.

The ideal performance would be that made by a manufacturer whose machines carried the greatest load at the highest speed for the total 8,760 hours in the year. A manufacturer would be free to enter any number of machines considered necessary by him, and he would be judged and marked on performance of his team as a whole.

The expense of this scheme should not, considering the importance of the results attained, be very great. Assuming that six firms entered, that their teams consisted of 20 machines each, and that they had scrap value at the end of the year; the total cost to the Government, including all charges, should not exceed £2,000,000. The trials would be of inestimable value to both military and civil aviation, and would settle definitely the commercial status of the present flying-machine.

Continuous flying throughout the 24 hour day has never yet been attempted commercially, but it is an absolute necessity if flying is to compete with other transport, as neither ships nor trains stop for darkness. A very necessary stipulation would be given to the aeroplane trade and those interested in flight generally. Invaluable data would be obtained, ensuring a largely foreknown result in any contemplated mail route. It would be stipulated that any competitor obtaining, say, 60 per cent. full marks would be granted a State subsidy, the amount depending on the capital invested in his firm.

Naturally trials such as these would weed out some firms—that must be taken for granted. But the result of the trials would consolidate the position of the stable firms and make a certainty of an uncertainty.

No attempt has been made to do more than to sketch outlines of a workable scheme: I am anxious only to insist upon the absolute importance of the trials being made.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE GIST OF IT.

Dr. George Ernest Aubrey is appointed a member of the Midwives Board during Dr. Gibson's absence. The official notice describes it as that sounds disrespectful to the members we have taken the liberty of making a slight alteration.]

Passengers going to Peru had better look up the decree of June 2. It's in the Gazette.

If you are yearning to trade with Arabia, notification No. 501 tells you how.

The Licensing Sessions on Nov. 7 will have 19 applications before them. That seems to be the whole lot.

Except for the information that the poet Swinburne died on April 4, 1909, there is nothing else of interest in this week's Gazette. The editor must really buck up his contributors.

WHOSE BEER?

COAL-COOKIE WITH 5 DOZ. BOTTLES.

A coal-cooker was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with the unlawful possession of two cases of beer containing eight dozen bottles, in Chater Road.

Defendant said he was engaged to carry the cases outside the Naval Yard by a man unknown to him.

His Worship: Where to?

Defendant: I was instructed to take the cases somewhere near the Central Market.

His Worship: What about the man who engaged you?

Defendant: I don't know the man. He told me to take up the cases and go along first, and he was to follow later.

His Worship: You can't find him?

Defendant: How can I? I am only a coal-cooker.

Inspector Cashman: I don't think the man is acting innocently. When he was met by the Police, he said he was tired and he put down the cases on the ground. Immediately he tried to run away.

His Worship (to defendant): Why did you want to run away when the Police met you?

Defendant: Yes, because the man had not come up yet.

His Worship: \$50 or four weeks.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

MRS. SADIE PIKE will exhibit the latest Creations from New York. Ladies' Evening Gowns. One piece Gowns. Tailor made. Military etc. etc. One week only. 26th October to 2nd November, King Edward Hotel, Room 42.

Hongkong, October 25, 1919.

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"PRINZESSIN KHIVA"	1st November	3rd December	11th December
"NOVARA"	1st November	3rd December	11th December
"DUNERA"	16th December	17th January	28th January

FOR BOMBAY VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

	Leave Hong Kong about	Due Bombay about
"DUNERA"	12th November	29th November
"DILWARA"	16th December	3rd January

FOR CALCUTTA VIA STRAITS AND RANGOON.

	Leave Hong Kong about	due Yokohama about
"DUNERA"	28th Oct at 10 a.m.	29th October (Shanghai)
"NOVARA"	16th Nov.	19th November
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ALPS MARU End of November.

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SUENOS AIRES—Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Mauritius, Durban and Cape Town via Singapore.

SEATTLE MARU Monday, 17th November.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via S'pose.

INDUS MARU Tuesday, 4th November.

SAIGON MARU Beginning of November.

SAIGON BANGKOK & SINGAPORE—Regular Monthly Service.

SHISEN MARU Saturday, 1st November.

MADRAS MARU Middle of November.

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VICTORIA & VANCOUVER—Tacons via Manila, Keelung, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Yokohama.

AFRICA MARU Thursday, 13th November.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY—These steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st & 2nd class saloon passengers and will arrive at and depart from the O. S. K. wharf, near the Harbour Office.

AMAKUSA MARU Sunday, 28th October.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

OSHU MARU Friday, 24th October.

JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Yokohama.

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ARRIVALS.

A very interesting little ceremony was performed at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders last night at the interval of a singing concert given in honour of Mr. G. J. Harman, Chinese Inspector of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who, after two years' furlough, Mr. B. L. Frost, Vice-President of the Institution, presented the guest of honour, on behalf of the members of the Institute, with a very handsome and suitably inscribed silver salver and a silver bag for Mrs. Harman, as souvenirs of Hongkong. In making the presentation Mr. Frost referred to Mr. Harman's long connection with the Institute, his valuable work as a convenor of committees and his popularity with the members. He wished him and Mrs. Harman an enjoyable holiday and a safe return. The toast of Mr. and Mrs. Harman was then proposed and enthusiastically honoured. Mr. Harman replied cordially and returned thanks for the honour done to Mrs. Harman and himself.

Mr. Harman, on his return to the East, will probably be transferred to another port.

GYMKHANA GALLOPS.

THIS MORNING'S TIMES.

The following times were recorded this morning, most of the gallops being over the grass course:

*One with Pearce's yellow and Castle's dun Larson Subs., 1 mile, 48.135, 2.10, 2.43, 4.

Macdonald's Larson Subs., Potts' Larson Sub, 1 mile, 45.1, 2.28, 2.10, 2.41, 3.

Seales' and Bass' Larson Subs., 1 mile, 44.1, 2.29, 2.12, 2.47.

Sir Paul's grey Larson Sub., 3 miles, 41.1, 2.20, 1.52.

Sir Paul's black Larson Sub., 3 miles, 38.2, 1.17, 1.51.

*Ruby 1 mile, 38.1, 1.17, 1.53, 2.35.

Jassy, Lowe's Larson Sub., last mile, 39.3, 1.18, 3, 1.57, 3, 2.37, 3.

Jardine's grey Larson Sub., 1 mile, 42.1, 2.21, 1.58, 2.33.

*Yeoman Morning Star, 14 miles, 46.2, 1.28, 2.11, 3, 2.51, 3.25, 3.

*Tab. Comet, 14 miles, 42.1, 1.19, 1.56, 1, 2.34, 3.08, 4.

Seales Box 14 miles last 1 mile, 36, 1.13, 3, 1.58, 2.22, 1.

Malvilm, 14 miles, 39.4, 1.17, 3,

Rochester, 14 miles, 40.2, 1.18,

1.53, 1, 2.28, 3.02, 1.

Red Ensign, 14 miles, 40, 1.18, 2,

1.55, 2.30, 3.02.

Pink Eye, 14 miles, 40, 1.19, 1.56,

2.38, 2, 3.03.

Gentle Cat, 14 miles, 36, 1.11, 1.48,

2.23, 2, 2.56.

Alexander, 14 miles, 38.2, 1.15, 1.48,

Burning Daylight, 14 miles, 42, 1.19,

1.48, 2.

Lovejoy, last 3 miles, 38, 1.15, 1.48.

*Marked are Larson Sub. Griffins.

SANITARY BOARD

There will be a meeting Sanitary Board on Tuesday at 4.15 p.m.

The following are the orders of the day.

Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider and report on the site at Aplichau to be used as a burial ground for the Tung Kun Community.

Application for permission to erect two water closets and one trough closet at No. 1, Duddell Street; Inland Lot No. 30, section B.

Application for an offensive trade licence at a certain house to be erected on Inland Lot No. 2169, Kennedy Town.

Correspondence relative to the feather factories on Farm Lot No. 3.

Health Bulletin from the Philippine Health Service.

Weekly return of Infectious Disease from Shanghai.

Result of the examinations made under "The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896," for the quarter ended September 30, 1919.

Report from the Government Analyst on the public water supplies for the month of October, 1919.

Limewashing return for the fortnight ending October 14, 1919.

Mortality return for Hongkong for the month ending September 30, and for the weeks ending October 5 and 12, 1919.

Mortality return for Macao for the weeks ending September 21 and 28, and October 5 and 12, 1919.

Rat return for the weeks ending October, 11 and 18, 1919.

MARINE COURT.

SHUN LEE S.S. CO. FINED.

The s.s. "Chongwa" (Capt. Fletcher) arrived from Haiphong yesterday with 800 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hoiping" (Capt. Nogueria) arrived from K. C. Wan via Macao yesterday with 180 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Glossina Maru" (Capt. Miyamoto) arrived from Keelung yesterday with 1,200 tons of general cargo and 30 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Kwangtung" (Capt. Sano) arrived from Shanghai via Amoy yesterday with 102 tons of general cargo, four European passengers and mails.

The s.s. "Hongwu" (Capt. Bambridge) arrived from Singapore yesterday with 500 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Suiping" (Capt. Gibbs) arrived from Shanghai yesterday with 700 tons of general cargo of which 400 tons were for Hongkong. She also brought mails.

The s.s. "Sodegaura Maru" (Capt. Hosokawa) arrived from Bombay via Singapore yesterday with 400 tons of general cargo and 21 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Empress of Japan" (Capt. Lowgrove) arrived from Vancouver via Shanghai at 7 a.m. yesterday with 80 European passengers and 3,000 tons of general cargo, and mails.

The s.s. "Amakusa Maru" (Capt. Nohayashi) arrived from Keelung yesterday with 900 tons of coal, 240 tons of general cargo and mails. She also brought four European passengers.

The s.s. "Banri Maru" (Capt. Morita) arrived from Sumatra via Balikpapan yesterday with 2,100 tons of sugar, rutan and copra and 70 tons of lubricating oil and tea, and four bags of mails.

The s.s. "Nikkō Maru" (Capt. Yoshikawa) arrived from Yokohama via Nagasaki yesterday with 2,700 tons of oak timber, silk goods, toys, porcelain, glassware and merchandise and 111 tons of cuttle fish, mushrooms and sea products and 48 bags of mails.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Hibon" (Capt. Dillon) sailed for Canton at 7 a.m. to-day with a through cargo of beans.

The s.s. "Hinsang" (Capt. Malkin) sailed for Sandakan at noon to-day with 500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Banri Maru" (Capt. Morita) sailed for Kobe via Moji at 2 p.m. to-day with 850 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Tatouste" (Capt. Levillant) sails for Saigon to-morrow.

SEND OFF TO MR. JAMES.

As proof of the popularity of Mr. B. James, the boy of the Ellis Kadoorie School, gave a theatrical performance at the school yesterday in his honour. The morning all the pupils of the school, numbering about 500 turned out and gave Mr. James a rare send-off. They went out in the harbour in about a dozen decorated steam launches and circled the ship firing crackers and cheering for their late headmaster.

WEATHER REPORT.

October 25, 1919. —No return from Vladivostock, Weihaiwei, Japan or Formosa.

The anticyclone has weakened and moved eastward.

The moonrise is interrupted to the north of Amoy and has probably migrated over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 A.M. today, 100 inches total since January 1st, 22.53 inches, against an average of 80.04 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 A.M. on October 26th.

1. Hongkong to Gap Rock, N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

2. Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 1.

4. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Station at Tsui Sha Tsui during the years 1909-19.

The zero of the table corresponds with zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Harbour which has been found to be 4 feet higher than mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the 1st October, add 3 feet to the height given in the table.

The French aviator Poulet started from Rome to Salonicca this morning.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, Oct. 19.

The fortitude of Paris throughout the war will be rewarded this afternoon with the Croix de Guerre. The presentation being made at Hotel de Ville by President Poincaré. The Allied countries and cities will be represented.

The Supreme Council decided yesterday that General Mangin shall be sent to the Baltic Provinces, in connection with the evacuation of von der Goltz' troops. General Mangin, until recently, was in command of the French troops of the Rhine Occupation and is one of France's youngest and most energetic generals. He played a prominent part in one of the greatest battles of war.

In the course of a debate in the French Chamber of Deputies, on the Bill improving the treatment of collecting taxes, M. Klotz, Minister for Finance, remarked that many pessimistic and inaccurate statements on the French financial position been made. In spite of the war, vast sums lent by the United States, France is still the greatest creditor country in the world. Before the war the amount of money invested by French citizens abroad was 1,020,000,000 pounds sterling; of which Russia absorbed one-fourth. French advanced to other countries during the war was 280 millions sterling. There was also a sum of 200 millions sterling due for material, of which only one-tenth was due by Russia. France thus had claims on other countries amounting to 61 millions of francs or 2,140 millions sterling; which was 50 per cent. more than what she owed to Great Britain and the United States. That was, besides her claims on Germany. From the budget point of view before the war France's revenue amounted to 188 millions sterling. The budget estimate for 1919 was 348,920,000 sterling; but the actual receipts were so much above the estimate that the total revenue might fairly be put at 400 millions. The principal increase is the stamp, duties, an excellent sign showing that mortgages were paid off earlier, changing hands, and farmers becoming landowners. M. Klotz said: There has been no doubt that the country could support 50 per cent. more taxation than it does now; especially when the invaded departments would bear their share. This increase would enable receipts to balance the expenditure.

The Herald's Parisian edition says that the Chinese Peace Delegation made no official comment on the defeat of the Shantung amendment by the United States Senate; but it was said that opinion of the Chinese is that the action has no meaning as representing the opinions of the people of the United States.

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A British and French squadron of twenty warships arrived at Riga.

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MAGISTRACY.

	Previous day	On date at 8 A.M.	On date at 1 P.M.
Barometer	30.04	30.06	29.97
Temperature	73	68	74
Humidity	49	73	56
Direction of Wind	E	NE	E
Force	3	1	2
Weather	b	b	b
Sea	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open air Temperature on the 25th-26th.
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T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Oct. 25, 1919.

LICENSING SESSIONS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Meeting of the Licensing Board will be held in the Council Chamber, on FRIDAY, the 7th day of November, 1919, at 12.15 p.m., at which the following applications will be considered under the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance 1911 and 1917:

No.	Names of Applicants	Description of Licence applied for.	Sign of House.	Situation of House.	Whether the applicant has held a licence to sell liquor in the Colony and, if so, for how

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IMPORTATIONS:

Mr. F. A. Wright, acting hon. secretary of the Chinese Labour Committee of the Negri Sembilan Planters' Association, writes that a meeting of the committee was held on September 20 last. The sub-committee then appointed to put the committee's Chinese immigration scheme into definite shape, he says, has this work already in hand, and with the object of acquainting with the outcome of the project all employers interested and of obtaining their suggestions, and also in order to ascertain the extent of the support which may be relied upon a letter is being circulated throughout those parts of the country where employers have not yet been directly communicated with on the subject. The support of Johore, Malacca and Negri Sembilan is already assured.

The letter, which is dated from 106, Birch Road, Seremban, F.M.S., October 8, and signed by Mr. Wright on behalf of the committee, says:—

Dear Sir,—As you are no doubt aware, the shortage of Chinese labour throughout the country is assuming such formidable proportions as to cause very considerable uneasiness to all Chinese labour employers. That this shortage is intimately connected with the unreasonably high rates of wages goes without saying, and it appears certain if the rate of progression of the past few years is continued that most of the purely Chinese employing estates will be faced with the difficult problem of producing rubber at a profit.

The gravity of the position has forced the Southern States of the Peninsula seriously to consider means for its amelioration, and, as a first step in that direction has elected a representative committee to formulate a scheme for the importation of increased numbers of Chinese labour.

This proposed scheme has as its basis an assessment on all employers of Chinese labour throughout the country and will follow the lines of the Tauny Immigration scheme which has proved to be so successful. It is suggested that the assessment might be levied on the aggregate number of days worked by Chinese during each quarter and a rebate paid for every coolie imported, either through the proposed organisation or by individuals. Employers would therefore stand on common ground. An organisation would be created for recruiting in China so that each employer of Chinese labour should in time be assured of a supply commensurate with his needs.

It is with the object of enlisting your sympathy and support that we now address you, and we shall be glad to hear whether:—(1) This proposal has your support; and if so (2) The number of additional coolies you require to meet your need (a) at present (b) during the next two years.

If you cannot give this scheme your support—what you would suggest as a remedy for the present shortage of Chinese labour?

The prevalence of crimping Tamils being largely due to the shortage of labour it is therefore undoubtedly to the advantage of all employers to support such a movement.

The matter being one of some urgency it is requested that your reply should be sent to reach us within ten days as it is the intention

THE PRIME MINISTER'S
STATISTICS.
DENOUNCED AS MISLEADING.

I beg you to allow me to direct the attention of the public here, and, what is even more important, of people abroad, to the fact that there is no foundation whatever for the Prime Minister's statement—to which I listened with amazement in the House of Commons—that the United Kingdom this year will have an adverse balance of 800 millions sterling. If the statement were true one would hesitate to shout it on the rooftops. The more reason not to shout it when it is not true.

In the first seven months of this year the actual excess of imports of merchandise was 400 millions. At this rate, and assuming that our rapidly advancing exports and re-exports advance no more, there will be an excess of imports of merchandise for the whole of the year of 700 millions. But against this there are, of course, the "invisible exports," as Sir Robert Giffen called them, or exports of services, to the tune of fully 400 millions, leaving an adverse balance not of 800 millions, but of 300 millions—a figure of very different magnitude. The Prime Minister told the House to "look at the facts" and then actually omitted the very important fact that the earnings of our shipping are enormous. Even if there is an error of 100 millions in the figure I have submitted it would raise the adverse balance to 400 millions, or one half the figure named by the Prime Minister in addressing the House of Commons and the world. What have we done to deserve that our trade and our credit should be publicly decryed by the head of the nation?

I have referred to the rise in exports. In the month after the Armistice they were 41 millions; in July last they were 77 millions. Mr. Lloyd George did not mention that fact in a speech in which he addressed the nation to believe that it had an adverse balance of 800 millions.

I ask leave in a very few words to refer to the Prime Minister's attack on myself! He endeavoured to reflect upon the coal Commission by denouncing two of the Commissioners for giving evidence before the Commission. Very untruly, he said that such action was unprecedented. As a matter of fact, to give only one example, when the Archbishop of Canterbury was a Royal Commissioner on a matter touching the Church he gave evidence to the Commission, and he did so very properly, because he had special knowledge of the subject. I, through four years of practical experience, had a special knowledge of how nationalisation saved this country in the war, and I was not only entitled to give evidence to the Coal Commission, but it would have been wrong for me not to have done so. It is amusing to observe that in the speech of the Prime Minister to which I have referred Mr. Lloyd George himself put before the House of Commons as good evidence some of the considerations which I thought fit to submit to the Royal Commission on Coal.

August 21. Leo CHIOZZI MONEY.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—Oct. 26th.

Holy Communion at Mid-day
and after Evensong.
Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

Responses, Final; Venite, Reimagle;
Psalm, 105; Psalm 133; Baker, 13-140;
Amen, 131-132; Sancte, Te Deum,
Woodward, Smart, and Tarte;
Benedictus, Garrett; Kyrie, Mac-
dehohn, Hymn, 17 (1st Tune), 10,
315, 451, 570.

Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.
Responses, Final; Psalms, of the 28th
Month; Verses, 143-154—Barney,
155-160—Littleton; Magnificat,
Smart, 14th; Evening—None;
Nunc Dimittis, Felton, Hymn, 372, 344,
149, 34 (A & M. 477);
N.B.—Choir Practice next Friday
at 6.00 p.m.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Service, October 26.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Hymns, 3, 213, 224, 225; Psalm 67.

Subject: The Church in Sardis.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Hymns, 17, 129, 147, 334.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, October 26.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Peak Church.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6.30 Evening Service.

The Gospel Hall.

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Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m.
Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.
Bible study, Tuesday, 6.30 p.m.
Thursday, Ladies' Bible study, 6.30 p.m.
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist,
MacDonnell Road.

Sundays, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 6.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,
Wanchai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,
Arsenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church,
Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed
by the Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament.

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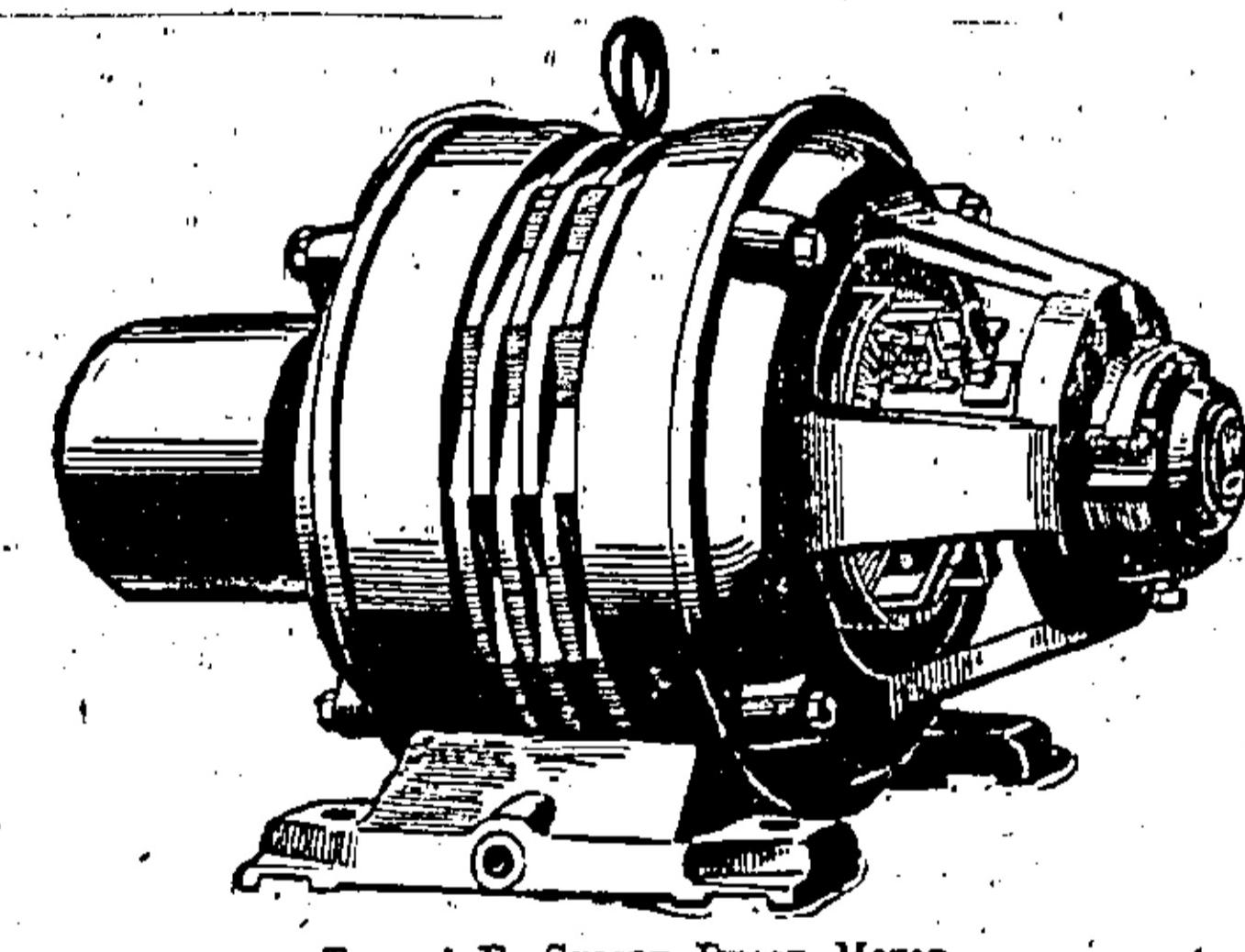
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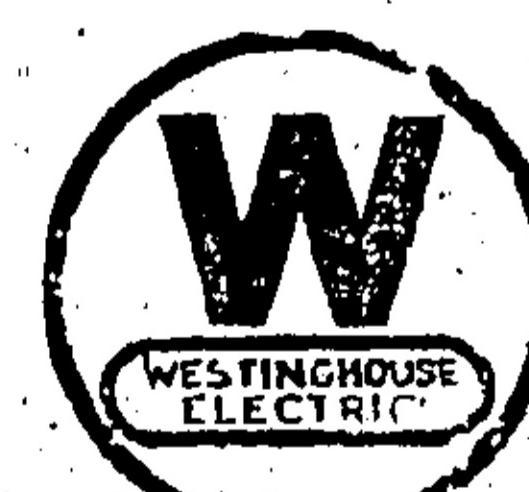
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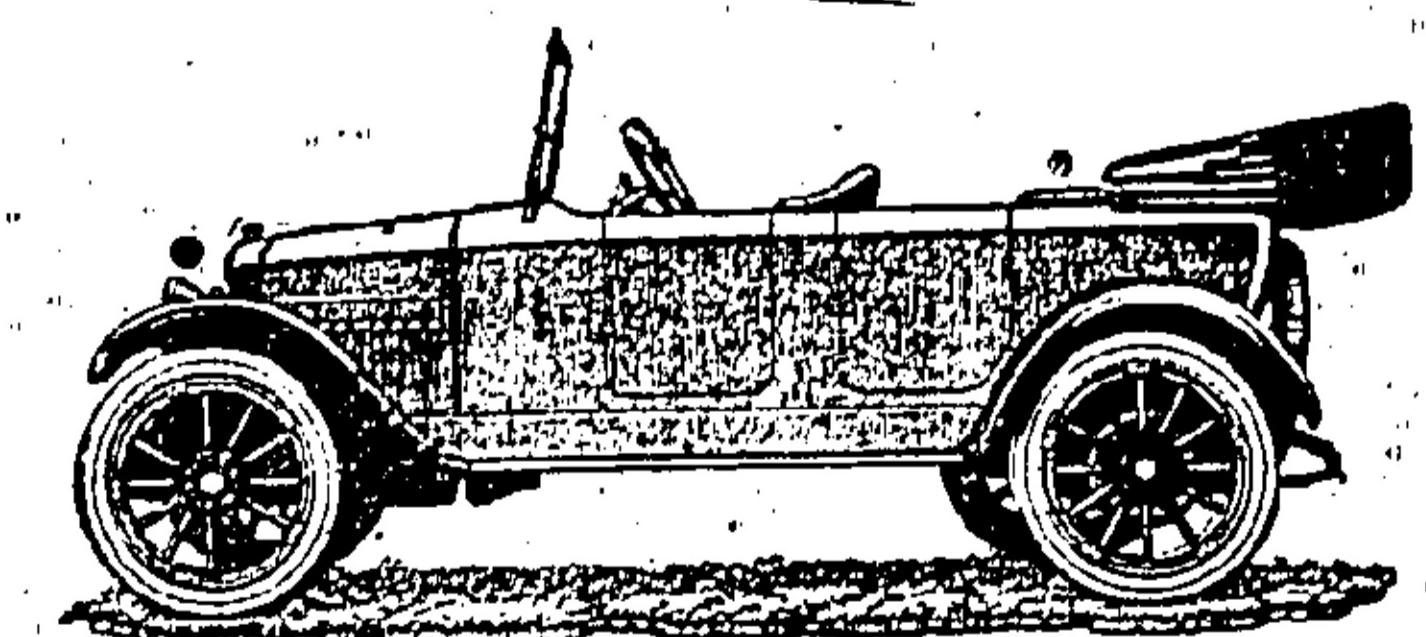
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FOLLOW-THROUGH AT GOLF.

FOR AND AGAINST.

Evidently there are a great many golfers eager to free themselves of their submissive respect for that ancient adage of the game, "Follow through!" if can be shown that they have justification.

That is proved by the letters which have been received in regard to an article on the subject in the *Daily Mail*. In a chat which I had with Abe Mitchell, he expressed the view that thousands of players spoil their shots and lose distance through thinking all the while about the necessity of following through—that their efforts to let the club go through to the full after the impact begin so early that they are off their balance before they hit the ball.

Certainly they cannot be blamed for harbouring such an obsession. The aphorism "Follow through!" has grown up with the game and become part of its religion. Mitchell is all for stopping the club as soon as you like after the hit.

Harry Vardon will have none of this, and has raised the interesting question as to how long the club and ball are in contact at the impact. That is important because if it can be shown that the club and ball are together, as Vardon thinks they are, for the first four or five inches of the ball's flight, then obviously the follow through is valuable, because during the period of contact the club must be guiding and giving velocity to the ball.

A CHALK TEST.

I find says Mr. R. E. Howard in the *Daily Mail* that a good many people are convinced that the period of contact is no mere matter of an instant. I believe that with the club-head moving at a tremendous speed and meeting a stationary ball which is known to be capable of impression, the latter cannot get away from the club-face until it has travelled a few inches.

Mr. J. Dring, writing from 10, Russell-chambers, Bury-street, W.C., expresses this point of view as clearly as anybody: "If you chalk the face of the club," he says, "you will find that the ball leaves an impression—a bramble-pattern ball shows best—as large as a halfpenny, showing that the ball has compressed to that extent."

"Now I cannot think that compression is instantaneous, or the return to the original shape either."

"I believe that the club is in contact with the ball during the act of compression and that the ball reacts on the club as it regains its

shape. Hence the contact is longer than is suspected, and increased by the follow-through. Were the club-an-iron hammer, and the ball an iron one, the follow-through would not have the same effect."

Another correspondent asks: "Could good players impart so much spin to their shots, if the club and ball were together at only that infinitely small portion of the ball's surface at which the club meets it? It seems to me that, in applying powerful back-spin, the leading golfers must make the ball virtually run up the face of the club as the two go forward at the impact?"

CLUB AND BALL SPEEDS.

"But many other people are satisfied that contact begins and ends at the instant of impact."

Mr. T. W. Henry, of 32, Walbrook, E.C., informs me that some years ago, in connection with litigation concerning certain patent rights to golf balls, he saw a machine, evolved by Professor Boys, which tested various matters to do with the ball's flight, and that Professor Boys expressed the opinion that, after the first impact, the contact ceased.

That was also the view of the late Professor Tait, who, while prefacing his deductions with the remark that they "offered only a rude attempt at a first approximation, considered that the initial speed of a well-driven golf ball was about 500ft. a second, and that the club-head travelled at about 300ft. a second. There remains the question as to the degree in which the period of contact is increased by the flattening of the ball at the impact."

F. H. Frostick, of the St. George's Hill Golf Club, Weybridge, writes: "My opinion is that any effort to follow through is bad and will produce bad shots. The effort should be to meet the ball in the position one took up at the beginning, with the necessary power to send it the required distance. If this is done, one's effort finishes at the ball, and the remainder of the swing is involuntary."

"Even if the club and ball are in contact for four or five inches, that is only an argument for a follow-through of six inches, because by then the ball will have left the club-face."

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WOMEN HAVE LEARNED
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Before the war women who took meals in public places could be divided into two classes. There was the girl who came out of her office to get a midday meal, and there was the adventurous shopper who had decided not to go home to lunch. The girl from the office went to her accustomed tea-shop and ordered a glass of milk and a Joseph's coat selection of cakes. And the woman with the parcels hurried nervously into unusual restaurants and committed atrocities.

You know the sort of thing she used to do. *Table d'hôte* and *à la carte* were meaningless phrases to her. The waiter brought a card and she gazed at it with a desperate effort to look intelligent and at the same time to remember the French she had forgotten. In the end there would be a defiant finger jabbing at the same item in the bewildering list and a firm "I will have some of that." And then you could see her wondering what on earth it would be when it came.

War changed all that. Women went out to work and earned money, and had the spending of it in their own hands. Whether at work or at play, she had to take her meals alone or in the company of other women. Leave was infrequent, and there was rarely an experienced man available to solve the riddles of the menu, so she began to wrestle with those mysteries.

It was a matter of sheer self-defence in the beginning, for if she had the money which made those meals possible, she also had a real need of them. Everything was scarce, and the restaurants knew how to make the most of what there was. The girl from the office deserted cakes and milk and took to real food. And even the woman who stayed at home learned the wisdom of going out for her meals a few times a week.

Consequently woman has acquired the restaurant habit and the knowledge which goes with the habit. She studies the *carte du jour* with accustomed eyes and gives orders which make head waiters reverent. The days when *hors d'oeuvres* appeared amazingly between *pêche Melba* and *lobster mayonnaise* are past.

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MARINE INSURANCE	
Canton Ins.	1.- \$440 s.
North China Ins.	1.- \$200 b.
Union Ins.	1.- \$310 s.
Yangtze Ins.	1.- \$170 n.
Fair Easterns	1.- \$3 s.
FLYING SERVICES	
China Fire Ins.	1.- \$128 n.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	1.- \$45 s.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	1.- \$62 b.
H.K. Steamboats	1.- \$34 s.
Indo-Chinas (Prod.)	1.- \$30 n.
Do. (Del.)	1.- 187 b.
Shell Transport	1.- \$185 s.
Star Ferries	1.- \$30 b. 33 s.
REFINERY	
China Sugars	1.- \$170 b. 170 ss.
Malabon Sugars	1.- \$45 s.
MINE	
Kafan Mining Adm.	1.- 83 b.
Langkawi	1.- T 197 n.
Shanghai Loams	1.- T 197 n.
Bank	1.- \$10 n.
Trough Mines	1.- 33 s.
Ural Carpets	1.- 47/8 b.
DOCKS & WHARFS	Gowans, etc.
H. & K. Wharf	1.- \$110 s.
H. & W. Docks	1.- \$175 s.
Shai Docks	1.- T 120 b.
New Engineering	1.- T 23 n.
LANDS, HORSES & BUILDINGS	
Central Estates	1.- \$104 n.
Hongkong Hotels	1.- \$120 n.
Hongkong Lands	1.- \$120 n.
Humphreys	1.- \$61 s.
Kowloon Lands	1.- \$46 n.
Land Reclamation	1.- \$175 n.
West Points	1.- \$90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Evo Cottons	1.- T 300 b.
Kewi Mills	1.- T 41 b.
Evo King Mows	1.- T 240 n.
Orientals	1.- T 140 n.
Shanghai Cottons	1.- T 260 b.
Yangtzepoos	1.- T 21 b.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Cements	1.- \$72 n.
China-Borneos	1.- \$12 s.
China Lights Old	1.- \$72 n.
China-Providents	1.- \$82 n.
Dairy Farms	1.- \$34 s.
H.K. Electric	1.- \$31 b.
Macao Ins.	1.- \$34 n.
Hongkong Ropes	1.- \$29 n.
H.K. Tramways	1.- \$8 s.
Peak Tramways (Old)	1.- \$7 s.
do. (New)	1.- \$80 n.
Steam Laundries	1.- \$31 b.
H.K. Steel Foundry	1.- \$10 b.
Water-boats	1.- \$15 s.
Watsons	1.- \$610 s.
Fowells	1.- \$12 b.
Wiemanns	1.- \$39 b.

STERLING	1.- \$128 n.
DOUBLES	1.- \$310 s.
TRIPLE	1.- \$70 n.
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RICHBOROUGH.
A DESERT OF ENGINES AND TRUCKS.

Among clumps of war material, useful in itself but unused, none is so remarkable or so eloquent of waste as that scattered about the unbroken shore at Sandwich, Kent, and the new transhipment port of Richborough. I spent a day there says the *Daily Mail* correspondent and that was quite insufficient inspecting the wealth of stuff and its steady evaporation into rubbish.

What is peculiar about Richborough is that a great percentage of the material was dumped there before the armistice for immediate transport to France. It is now old and well weathered. There is little store room except for small R.E. stores and hospital stores; and if stores need protection from weather no worse place could be selected. One of the first heaps of metal that I handled was of corrugated iron, which crumbled to the touch. It was of the consistency of scorched brown-paper. You could sweep up crumpled rust by the barrowload. The air of Sandwich is an incomparable oxidising agent. Under it vast quantities of steel plates and ferrous stores had rusted to the deepest rust-brown, and some of them had almost disappeared under grasses and weeds.

BUILDING MATERIAL WAITING.

Among these were frames for making concrete blocks, and this was not the only example of unused building material, of which we are told the country is short. The R.E.

stores contained masses of builders' trowels, pickaxes, buckets, hydraulic jacks, and the like, all, I believe, in store from a date before the armistice. But the "infinite variety" of stuff is beyond catalogue. There are ordinance stores including hundreds of tons of compressed hay, rather insufficiently covered with flapping tarpaulin. The railway trucks and engines fill the landscape, and a good proportion would need little conversion to make them generally useful.

Doubtless some of the things won't be easily convertible into permanent use. I may give as an example number of metal barges, many of which finished and some deplorably battered the rusty rivets tumbling out of the much-enduring sacks alongside. No verdict seems to have been reached whether to scrap the barges or finish them; so they are left to rot, a melancholy spectacle of indecision tied up along the river's edge.

CROSS PURPOSES.

Almost the only activity observable over the desert of rust and decay was in the removal of lorries, whose multitude had been blocking up the place when general removal began. The disposal of war material and its storage are not easy problems, but no one could visit Richborough without wondering what was the answer to this question: If no attempt has yet been made to clear from its most unsuitable site material dating from last summer, what will happen when the heavy stores come over in quantity from France? Wealth of a sort much

MOVEMENTS OF STREAMERS.

The P.M.S.S. Co.'s.s.s. *Colombia* sailed from Shanghai for Manila and Hongkong on Thursday, October 23, and may be expected here on Monday, November 3. The C.M.S.S. Co.'s.s.s. *Nanking* sailed from Yokohama on October 23, and may be expected to arrive at this port on October 31. The C.M.S.S. Co.'s.s.s. *China* sailed San Francisco on October 15.

Last Advice.

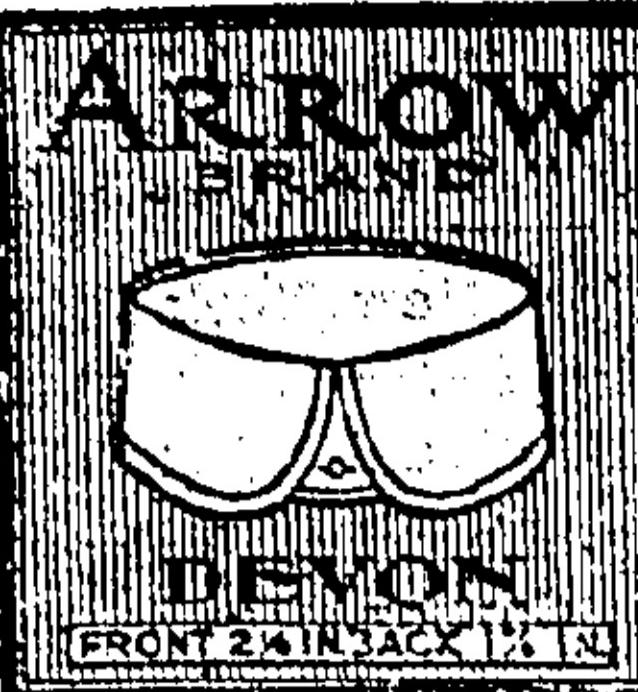
The N.Y.K. Co.'s.s.s. *Tsuna Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 18th Oct., and is expected here on Saturday, Oct. 26. The N.Y.K. Co.'s.s.s. *Zuma Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 31st Oct., and is expected here on the 29th Oct.

needed by the community is rusting away without any apparent effort to get rid of it. And winter conditions will make everything worse. Some particular dumps have actually increased in size, and there is little sign of any general diminishment, though some goods are being sorted and some few painted up. At least two authorities are concerned; and one would conjecture that their conflict or "crossing of spheres" is at least one cause of the costly delay in turning the stuff into immediate use for the community.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.**ARRIVED.**

October 24.

For H. Emperor of Japan.—Mr. K. W. Alabaster, Mr. L. Amatuti, Miss H. Banks, Miss H. Beardslee, Mr. G. H. Bell, Mrs. A. D. Bobier, Mr. L. V. Bonefery, Mr. H. G. Bradwood, Miss E. C. Bruska, Miss L. Cameron, Miss G. Cobb, Miss M. Colart, Miss L. Crockett, Lieut.-Col. G. B. Crisp, Mrs. F. L. Day, Capt. and Mrs. A. W. Davison, Miss De Boin, Mr. and Mrs. De Journal, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Derr, Mr. G. Dietrich, Mr. W. H. Dobson, Mr. F. L. Dodds, Mrs. O. Dykes, Miss E. M. Frost, Rev. and Mrs. Gurnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gurnett, Mr. S. H. Hall, Mr. G. H. Hamble, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Harris, Mr. A. R. Harris, Mr. S. Hancock, Mr. E. C. Hudson, Mrs. Humbert, Miss A. B. Hurd, Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kampf, Mr. E. Kirkwood, Miss Krater, Mr. S. H. Lawrence, Mr. A. C. Loft, Mr. D. A. Liang, Mr. Jean Marot, Mr. Mar. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Millham, Miss F. J. Miller, Miss E. T. Minor, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Moore, Miss A. B. Munro, Rev. and Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. W. R. McKay, Mr. A. Kenastader, Mr. R. T. Pike, Mrs. E. L. Porter, Mr. E. B. Potter, Miss E. D. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Richardson, Mr. S. Taylor, Miss E. B. Tollie, Mr. Tinson, Mr. C. Trowbridge, Lieut. P. Voss, Miss E. M. Wood, Col. J. R. Young, Mr. A. B. Damamore, Mr. T. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hunter, Mr. D. M. Kable, and Sergt. J. Whetan.

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